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## STATE WORKERS TOLD TO DONATE FOR HYDE'S TAX DEFENSE FUND

None of Republican Officers Expected to Escape Assessments.

Jefferson City, Feb. 8.—The several hundred Republican employees at the state capital, including girl stenographers, have been requested to donate one per cent of their salaries to the Republican state committee with which to open the 1922 campaign, it was learned Wednesday.

The committee realizes it will take a huge sum to print literature and make a defense for the heavy taxes which have been burdened upon the people by Governor Hyde and his state board of equalization.

In fact, some Republicans have expressed the opinion that no legitimate defense can be offered by the governor on the tax question because the chief executive failed completely himself when he delivered three speeches during the recent farmers' week at Columbia and one at Trenton Tuesday night.

None of the Republican employees are expected to escape the assessment from the state committee. In addition they are expected to be members of the Capitol Republican club, attend the meetings and pay their monthly dues. This was looked upon as an organ for the governor after he placed Roy Monier, chairman of the tax commission, in the office of president.

Here is the manner in which the assessment is usually made against the employees of the state:

The head of the department summons all of the employees in his department and tells them they will be expected to contribute one per cent of their salaries at this time. This will probably be increased later as the committee needs more money to take care of the Hyde propaganda. If a girl stenographer is only receiving \$75 a month and feels like she is unable to contribute to the Republican chest she is promptly told that there are many girls in the state who will willingly take the work and make the contribution. A contribution is usually forced in this manner.

Dr. E. B. Clements of Macon is chairman of the Republican state committee. It is expected that the committee will open headquarters shortly in St. Louis for the approaching campaign.

No Congressional Redistricting for Missouri.

Refusal by the Census Committee of the House to report out an apportionment bill by a vote of 8 to 5, and one Democratic member not voting, probably strikes a death blow to the hopes of Governor Arthur M. Hyde for redistricting Missouri before the next general election. The fact that four Republican members joined with a like number of Democrats made the vote conclusive and thus defeated the desires of the other five Republicans, one of whom was Rep. C. L. Faust, of Missouri.

It was to obtain action on this bill before adjournment of Congress that Governor Hyde made his recent trip to Washington and, together with Dr. E. B. Clements, chairman of the Republican state committee, called on President Harding, National Chairman Adams and other high officials presumed to have influence with Congress. Governor Hyde insisted that unless this bill were passed and authority given to redistrict the state by a commission, without reference to the legislature, the Democrats of Missouri would invoke the referendum on the redistrict bill passed last winter. This, he contended, would suspend the operation of that law and members of Congress would be forced to run in the old districts established ten years ago under a Democratic regime and, it is understood, he plainly told Republican leaders the result would be anything but gratifying from a party standpoint. Furthermore it is an open secret that state Republican leaders are apprehensive of the legislative election in Missouri this fall and, if the Democrats win, the opportunity to redistrict the state from the Republican viewpoint will be lost.

The only hope of reviving the bill is to move that the Census committee be discharged from further consideration and that the measure be taken up by the House in committee of the whole. This, it is admitted, will be difficult to pass.

## Proposed Cheese Factory at Pleasant Gap.

About 30 men interested in a cheese factory at Pleasant Gap, held their second meeting Friday night, February 10, and discussed further plans for a cheese factory they expect to start soon. A double contract was drawn for the cheese maker and the patrons to sign; a committee was appointed to get enough cows contracted for and another committee was appointed to get an option on the proposed lots and buildings. This committee got the option on the building and lots, so now it is up to the interested men to buy them, then Wilber Mehauffey, the cheese maker, will install the machinery and start operations by spring.

If this plant is installed it will be operated on the same basis as the one at Prairie City, and no doubt if it is properly operated and a good quality of cheese is made, it will be a great help and financial benefit to the Pleasant Gap community.

If Pleasant Gap can install a cheese factory, if Prairie City can successfully operate one, why can't Butler, Rich Hill or Adrian? There are plenty of cows around Butler, but what we need is a good outlet. A cheese factory can pay more for milk than a creamery. Our shipping facilities are not suitable for shipping sweet milk to Kansas City, so a cheese factory is the more suitable for Butler. We can get the cows; who will furnish the building and operate the plant? I would like to hear some answer to this.

Ira Drymon, County Agent.

## To Extend Immigration Bar.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A bill extending the life of the 3 per cent restrictive immigration law until June 30, 1923, was ordered reported today by the house immigration committee.

## Butler Boys' and Girls' Pig Club Gets Started.

The members of the Butler boys' and girls' pig club met Saturday in the Farm Bureau office, where plans were completed for their club for the coming year. All the members signed the application and agreement agreeing to follow the rules of the club and plans and suggestions of the club leaders regarding feeding, care of the sow and litter, judging contest, showing and sale next fall.

About twenty Poland Chinas and Duroc Jerseys were distributed to the members Saturday; a few of them already had their gilts and eight others bought theirs in the sales held recently near Butler.

These boys and girls are taking a lot of interest in this club and we hope this will continue all through the contest.

Applications for membership in this Pig Club will be received till February 20, so if there are any other boys and girls who desire membership in the Club, they can get full information from Prof. Taylor, of the High School or County Agent Drymon.

## Mrs. Margaret Carroll Dead.

Ms. Margaret Carroll, one of Bates county's oldest citizens, died at her home in Deepwater township Monday afternoon of a complication of diseases incident to old age.

She was born in Morgan county, Ohio, April 3, 1833, but for many years had been a highly respected resident of this county. She is survived by her husband and several sons and daughters, among whom are M. V. Carroll, of Sedalia, Missouri, secretary of the chamber of commerce of that city, and Mrs. W. H. Charters, sr., of this city.

Funeral arrangements are being held, pending the arrival of two daughters from Chicago.

## P. L. Shelton Announces for Recorder.

P. L. Shelton of Walnut township, this issue announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for recorder of Deeds of Bates county.

Mr. Shelton, who is a son of one of Bates county's pioneer citizens, is a native of Bates county and was born in New Home township 51 years ago and has since that time made his home in this county.

He was educated in the public schools of the county and is well known in southwestern Bates as a farmer and coal operator.

He has been a life long Democrat, and has always taken an active part in party affairs. While he has never before asked for public office his neighbors have honored him in a local way and he has served as a school director at Foster for sixteen years and was for two years collector of Walnut township.

He is well qualified to fill the office.

## New Risk Rate Agreement.

Jefferson City, Feb. 14.—The temporary injunction against the new fire insurance rates in Missouri was withdrawn today. At the same time the order of Benn C. Hyde, superintendent of insurance, putting into effect the insurance rate increase of 15 per cent, was withdrawn.

The action was by agreement between Mr. Hyde and John F. Leahy of St. Louis and Seymour Edgerton of Chicago, representing 140 fire insurance companies doing business in Missouri. One condition of the agreement was that there be another hearing on the rate question some time next month.

Attorney General Barrett explained that the injunction was based on the failure to give the insurance companies a hearing before putting the new rates into effect.

## Spruce Community Holds Poultry Meeting.

About 32 men and women, mostly women, in the Spruce community met at the home of George Borland for a Poultry Meeting, conducted by the Home Demonstration Agent, and the County Agent, after which all entered into a round table discussion each telling their poultry and turkey troubles and asking questions.

About fifteen or twenty of the women are going to set a setting of eggs different from their regular settings, take the proceeds from this one setting and buy some home convenience. Though small as this may be, it is a step in the right direction, and may lead to more home conveniences later. Also this community is considering a boys and girls Poultry Club, which will surely make better poultry raisers for the future and too it will be a means of bringing better poultry into the community.

Some orchard work was requested at this meeting, so some pruning and spraying demonstrations are planned for that part of the county in the near future. Dates to be announced later.

## Dark for New Illinois Code.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 14.—Frequent expressions of discouragement over the absence of many delegates were made by members of the constitutional convention today when a check-up of delegates found only fifty-seven in their seats.

While no delegate openly suggested final adjournment, several said they almost had lost hope in the convention.

## Ladies Elk Day.

The local Elk ladies will hold a reception at the Elk Club rooms in the American building Wednesday afternoon, February 22. All lady Elks are invited and a jolly good time is expected.

## PEOPLE WANT VOTE ON GERRYMANDER

Request to Hyde Contains More Than Fifty Thousand Signatures.

Jefferson City, Feb. 14.—Governor Hyde was to be presented a "valentine" Tuesday by the Democratic state committee in the form of a referendum petition containing more than 50,000 signatures and referring to a vote of the people the congressional gerrymander bill, passed by the second extra session of the legislature last November.

Thomas H. Fisher, secretary of the Democratic state committee, announced that the petitions would be filed with Secretary of State Becker at 4 o'clock. The petitions were filed from 14 of the 16 congressional districts.

Secretary Fisher said the petitions would contain from 300 to 1,200 more signatures than the necessary 5 per cent of the voters of a district to refer an act of the legislature to a vote of the people.

The congressional gerrymander was passed by the Republicans at the special session of the legislature three months ago at the request of Governor Hyde. The measure through the rearrangement of the districts to bunch all Democratic counties in certain districts and give the Republicans complete control in at least 11 of the 16 districts. The act was attacked as unfair and purely a gerrymander because it was passed for partisan purposes by the legislature.

The Democratic state committee already has suspended operation of a number of other partisan bills passed by the Republicans during the regular session of the legislature at the request of Governor Hyde. The measures include the "job" bills which Governor Hyde referred to as consolidation bills. It was clearly shown that the "job" bills would have heaped additional expenses upon the taxpayers of the state who were painfully burdened through higher taxes in the first year of the Hyde administration. All of the measures suspended through the referendum, will be voted on at the general election next November. To become laws they must be approved by a majority vote of the voters.

## GOVERNOR TO CALL CON-CON CONVENTION IN NEXT 2 MONTHS

Fifteen Fusion Candidates Elected, Official Count of Returns Show.

Jefferson City, Feb. 14.—Governor Hyde will issue a call within the next two months for the convening of the constitutional convention following the official count in the office of Secretary of State Charles U. Becker showing that the 15 fusion candidates endorsed by the Democratic and Republican state committees were elected as delegates-at-large to the convention.

Joshua W. Alexander of Gallatin, former congressman and secretary of commerce under Woodrow Wilson, received the largest vote of any of the 28 delegates-at-large. Alexander polled a total of 77,177 votes, a majority of approximately 27,000 over William K. James of St. Joseph, the strongest candidate of the 13 independent candidates.

The light vote cast in the special election January 31 indicates the slight interest that was manifested in the proposal for the new constitution.

The convention will be composed of 83 delegates, including the 15 delegates-at-large and two from each of the 34 senatorial districts. The convention will be held at the state capitol and the members will be paid \$10 a day while in session.

Any amendments or new constitution drafts by the convention must be submitted to a vote of the people within six months after the adjournment of the convention. If the new constitution is ratified it will become effective 30 days after the election.

The 14 other delegates-at-large elected to the convention were: Norman Mosley, Butler county; George H. Williams, St. Louis county; Daniel G. Taylor, St. Louis; William Sacks, St. Louis; William T. Johnson, Kansas City; Solon T. Gilmore, Kansas City; A. T. Dumm, Jefferson City; Cassius M. Shartel, Neosho; Stephen B. Hunter, Cape Girardeau; Charles D. Morris, St. Joseph; Don O. Vernon, Lebanon; A. A. Speer, Jefferson City; Mrs. W. W. Martin, Fayette; Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, Columbia.

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